

Ask DDS Day



DDS
***GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF DRIVER SERVICES***

June 23, 2010



Welcome

Mike Mitchell

Before we get started...

- **Please remember to sign in.**
- **Please silence mobile devices.**
- **Please refrain from sidebar conversations.**
- **Please limit questions to one at a time.**
- **Please let the speaker finish answering the question before introducing a new one.**
- **Please respect your peers and speakers.**



Regulatory Compliance Division

Mike Mitchell

Ask DDS Day



The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) is the agency statutorily responsible for administering the following programs:

- DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program
- Ignition Interlock
- Driver Training
- Third Party Testing
- Driver Improvement
- Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program
- Limousine Chauffeur Permits



Regulatory Compliance Division Mission Statement

The Regulatory Compliance Division of the Department of Driver Services will positively impact the public's safety by facilitating the education of Georgia Drivers. The Division will provide regulatory and support services for all state-certified driver safety programs in a professional, customer-focused, and timely manner.



Regulatory Compliance Division Management Team

- **Mike Mitchell, Director**
- **Kecia Bivins, Program Administration Manager**
- **Jodie L. McLeod, Field Operations Manager**



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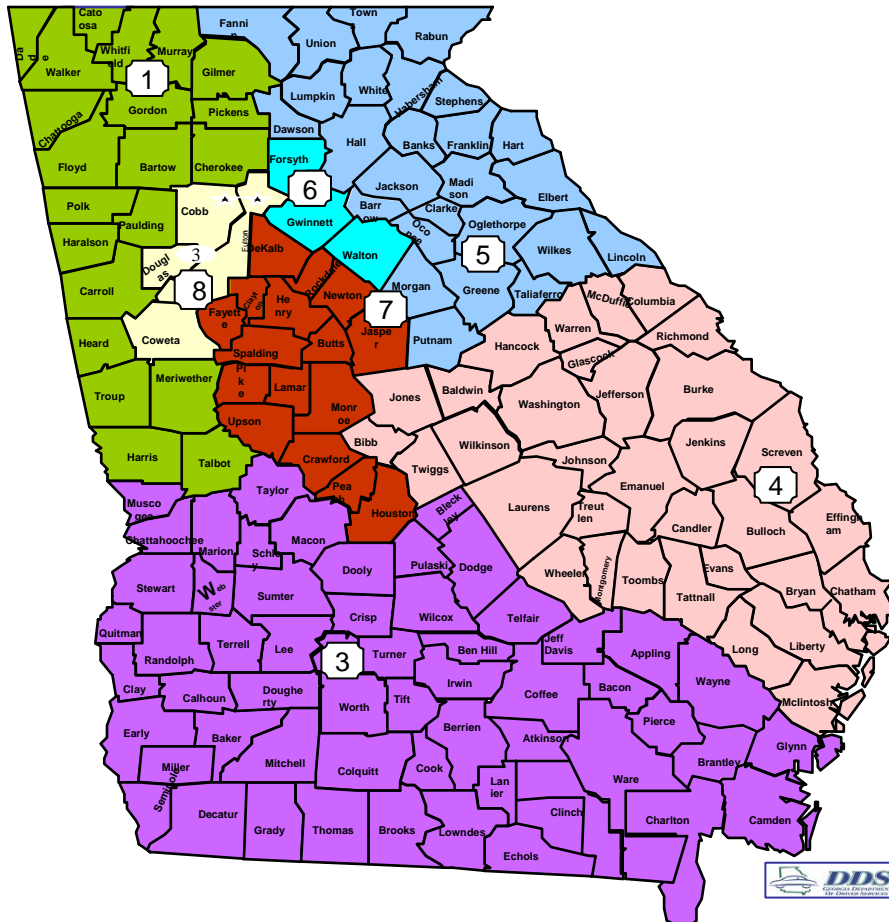
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ADA & Program Responsibilities

Mike Galifianakis & Stacey Peace



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GA Targeting Aggressive Cars & Trucks (GTACT)

GA Motor Carrier Compliance Division



Limousine Chauffeur / Driver Training

Kecia Bivins

Old Limousine Chauffeur Permit


**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES
LIMOUSINE CHAUFFEUR PERMIT**


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NAME: IMA, GEORGIA

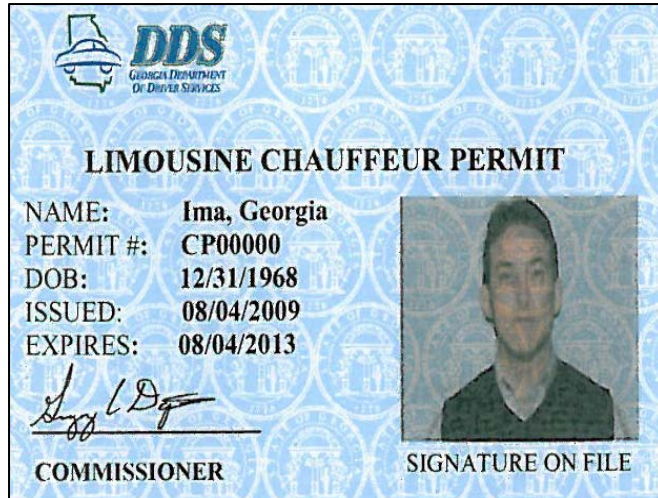
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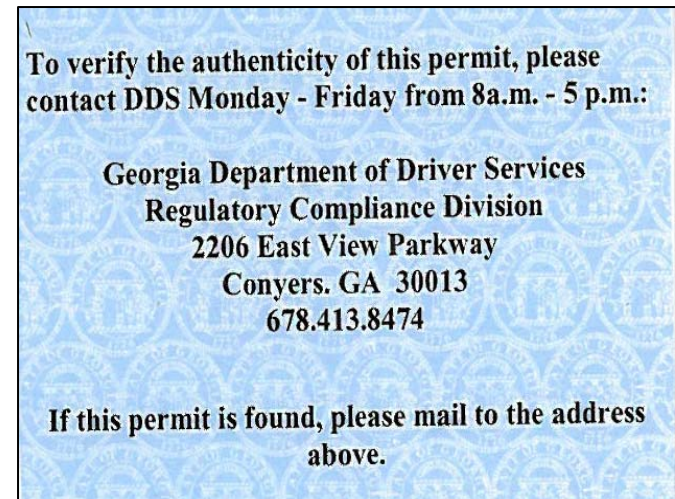

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Current Limousine Chauffeur Permit



Front



Reverse



Limousine Chauffeur

- **Federal Background Checks**
- **Expedited Processing**
- **Former Chauffeurs**
- **Quality Assurance**



Driver Training

- **Driver Training Rule Change**
- **Parent Teen Driving Guides**



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eADAP/ Ignition Interlock

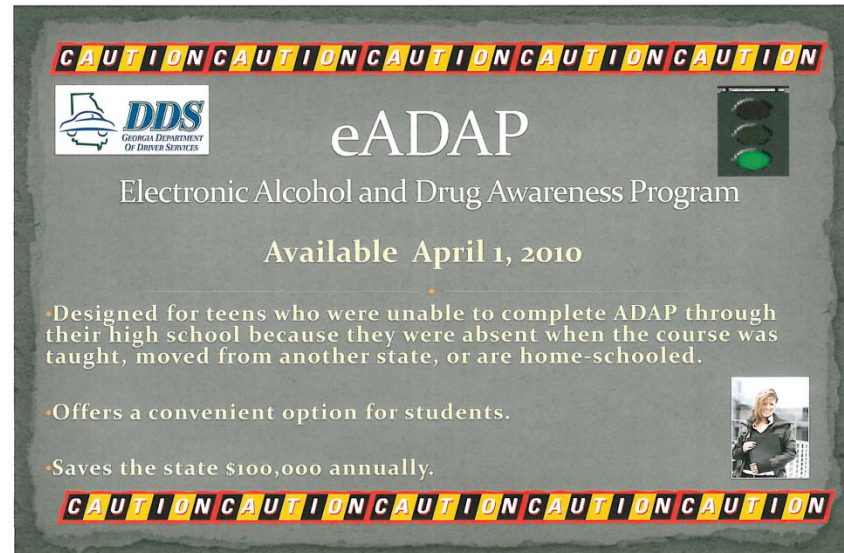
Kecia Bivins

eADAP



➤ Purpose

➤ Implementation

➤ Update



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 **eADAP** 

Electronic Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program

Available April 1, 2010

- Designed for teens who were unable to complete ADAP through their high school because they were absent when the course was taught, moved from another state, or are home-schooled.
- Offers a convenient option for students.
- Saves the state \$100,000 annually.

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Ignition Interlock

- **DDS Certification/
Removal Forms**
- **Violation Reports**
- **Proposed Rules
and Regulations**



New Certificates and Requisitions

Jodie McLeod

Requisitions

- **Driver Improvement**
- **DUI**
- **Third Party Testing**



Training, Continuing Ed & Outreach

Jodie McLeod



DDS Training and Continuing Ed

Third Party Testing Training

- As needed basis

Driver Training Instructor Training

- 2nd and 4th Thursdays

Ask DDS Day

- June

DUI New Director /Continuing Ed Training

- April
- December

PRI New Instructor Training (Rules portion)

- January
- July
- August

DUI Judicial Outreach throughout state

Outreach

- Ignition Interlock Provider/ Manufacturer Forum
- GLA Board Meeting
- APD Stakeholders Meeting
- Airport Ground Transportation Unit Meeting
- Teen Driver Safety Fair
- GA Driver Education Commission

- GOHS Strategic Highway Safety Plan
 - Older Driver Task Force
 - Operation Life Saver
 - U.S. Army Safety Professionals Workshop



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Legislative Update

Jennifer Ammons, Esq.

Traffic Law Update



Update on House Bill 160 (2009) 2010 Legislation

House Bill 160 (2009)

- Governor's "Super-Speeder" Bill to raise funds to support trauma care
- Increases reinstatement fees for many suspensions, including the following:

Under 16 DUI and drug offenses	O.C.G.A. §40-5-22.1	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd +: \$310.00
License restriction violations	O.C.G.A. §40-5-30	From \$0.00 to \$210.00
Failure to appear	O.C.G.A. §40-5-56	From \$35.00 to \$100.00

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

➤ Suspension fee increases (cont'd):

TADRA	O.C.G.A. §40-5-57.1	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd +: \$310.00
HV revocations	O.C.G.A. §40-5-58	\$410.00
Insurance convictions	O.C.G.A. §40-5-70	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd +: \$310.00
VGCSA convictions	O.C.G.A. §40-5-75	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd : \$310.00 3 rd : \$410.00

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

➤ Suspension fee increases (cont'd):

Mandatory suspensions and points suspensions	O.C.G.A. §40-5-84	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd : \$310.00 3 rd : \$410.00
Driving on suspended license	O.C.G.A. §40-5-121	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd : \$310.00 3 rd : \$410.00

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- Language was added to O.C.G.A. §40-6-187 to require that all speeding charges must indicate if the offense occurred on a two-lane road.
- DDS made changes to the UTC to accommodate this requirement, and completing/reporting this check-box is the only additional burden on law enforcement and the courts.

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- Officers will continue to cite drivers for violations of O.C.G.A. §40-6-181, and the conviction will be reported showing the same speed detail as before (____ mph in a ____ mph zone).
- The DDS will use the speed information and the two-lane road indicator to determine whether HB-160 applies.

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- The bill also enacted a new code section, O.C.G.A. §40-6-189 that imposes the “Super-Speeder” penalties, which include the following:
 - DDS must impose a fee of \$200.00 on any driver who is convicted of driving at a speed of 85 miles per hour or more on any road or highway or 75 miles per hour or more on any two-lane road or highway.

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- **“Two-lane road” means ‘a road or highway with two lanes for through-traffic movement exclusive of any portion of the road or highway adjoining the traveled way for parking, speed change, turning, weaving, truck climbing, or other purposes supplementary to through-traffic movement.’**

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- **Failure to pay the Super-Speeder fee within 90 days after receipt of the notice will result in the suspension of the person's driver's license or driving privileges.**
- **Reinstatement will be of indefinite duration until the person pays the Super-Speeder fee and a reinstatement fee of \$50.00.**



House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- **The reinstatement fee increases went into effect on July 1, 2009.**
- **The Super-Speeder fee went into effect on January 1, 2010.**



HB-160 Notices Sent

				Total
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
142	1084	2546	3659	7,431

2010 Bills to Watch

- **House Bill 23 prohibits anyone under age 18 who holds a learner's permit or Class D driver's license from talking or texting on any wireless device while driving**
 - Exceptions allowed to report a crime/accident or while the vehicle is parked; also does not apply to in-vehicle navigation systems.
 - Penalties include a \$150.00 fine (no surcharges) and 1 Point on the driving record
 - Fine should be doubled if involved while texting or talking
 - Effective July 1, 2010

2010 Bills to Watch

- **Senate Bill 360 prohibits anyone over age 18 or who holds a Class C driver's license from reading, writing, or sending a text message while driving**
 - Exceptions allowed to report a crime/accident or while the vehicle is parked; also does not apply to in-vehicle navigation systems.
 - Penalties include a \$150.00 fine (no surcharges) and 1 Point on the driving record
 - Effective July 1, 2010

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 199 allows a magistrate to deny a warrant application submitted by a lay-person without a hearing if the information provided in the application for the warrant does not create probable cause.**
 - **Effective July 1, 2010.**



2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 207 amends O.C.G.A. 40-7-6 to make many ATV offenses subject only to a civil penalty of at least \$25.00 instead of a misdemeanor.**
- **Also expands jurisdiction of probate courts to be able to impose the new penalties.**
 - **Effective July 1, 2010.**

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 258 allows teens with a learner's permit to drive without a licensed driver in the vehicle if accompanied by a disabled parent or guardian.**
- **Also provides for issuance of a limited driving permit for customers over age 18 convicted of speeding 24-34 mph over the posted speed limit if approved by the judge.**



2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 329 amends the provisions of O.C.G.A. 42-8-34.1 relating to probation revocations based upon a new misdemeanor offense committed outside Georgia that would be a felony under Georgia law.**
 - **Effective July 1, 2010**



2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 396 contains numerous changes requested by DDS, including:**
 - Non-commercial Class A and B licenses will now be non-commercial Class E and F
 - Prohibition against non-governmental scanning of driver's licenses or ID cards
 - Allows signatures to be captured electronically on UTC's

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

➤ **House Bill 396 (cont'd):**

- DDS will still be required to send notice of FTA suspensions via certified mail, but the language from House Bill 1111 (2008) about notice for a subsequent charge of driving on a suspended license remains intact.

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

➤ **House Bill 396 (cont'd):**

- All applicants for a credential from the Regulatory Compliance Division will now be subject to checks of their criminal histories through GCIC and NCIC.
- Regulatory Compliance will be prohibited from issuing any credentials to an applicant who is not a United States citizen or a non-citizen who is lawfully present in the United States.

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 567 expands the Crime Victims Bill of Rights.**
 - Effective July 1, 2010
- **House Bill 859 makes changes in the documentation requirements for tolling a probated sentence.**
 - Effective July 1, 2010

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 889 limits the offenses for which a defendant can be released on his/her own recognizance.**
 - Effective July 1, 2010
- **House Bill 898 limits the information published in the newspaper about defendants with multiple DUI convictions (no street info).**
 - Effective July 1, 2010

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 1002 expands the prohibitions against attacks and threats against court personnel.**
 - Effective July 1, 2010
- **House Bill 1019 provides for free issuance of state driver's licenses and ID cards in the event of a natural disaster.**
 - Effective May 24, 2010

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 1055 will allow DDS to give a discount on reinstatement fees paid via the internet.**
- **Also changes maximum term of DL or ID to 8 years.**
- **Requires payment of a filing fee of \$150.00 to appeal an ALS or implied consent suspension.**

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 1224 creates an affirmative defense to a violation of O.C.G.A. 40-5-30 if the restriction is for vision and the defendant no longer needs to wear glasses/contacts.**
- **Senate Bill 6 does not contain the affirmative defense, but does make the mandatory license suspension permissive at the discretion of the trial court.**
 - **Waiting to hear if HB-1224 cancels out SB-6**

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 1231 re-wrote O.C.G.A. 40-6-120(a)(2) to resolve constitutional infirmities of prior version.**
 - **Effective July 1, 2010**
- **The Supreme Court struck down O.C.G.A. §40-6-120(a)(2) as unconstitutionally vague in *McNair v. State*, S09A0487 (decided June 8, 2009).**

O.C.G.A. 40-6-120

- **First Possible Interpretation:** A driver who wants to make a left turn onto a roadway with multiple lanes must make the turn in a manner that leaves the intersection or other extreme left-hand lane location lawfully available, i.e., open or clear, to traffic moving in the same direction on the roadway the driver has just entered.

O.C.G.A. 40-6-120 (cont'd)

- **Second Possible Interpretation: A driver who wants to make a left turn onto a roadway with multiple lanes must make the turn so that, when the driver departs from or 'leaves' the intersection or other location, the turning vehicle is itself located in the lane farthest to the left that is lawfully available to traffic moving in that same direction.**



O.C.G.A. 40-6-120 (cont'd)

- The potential for differing interpretations makes the statute too vague to be enforced and, therefore, “unconstitutional under the due process clauses of the Georgia and United States Constitutions.”

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **Senate Bill 388 removed some of the mandatory printing and distribution requirements for state publications.**
 - Effective June 4, 2010
- **House Bill 1236 containing similar verbiage was vetoed.**

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **Senate Bill 308 changes provisions related to carrying concealed weapons.**
 - Effective June 4, 2010
 - SB-291 containing similar language was vetoed.
- **Senate Bill 419 will allow DDS to mark a driver's license to show that the customer has PTSD if requested by a member of the military or a veteran.**

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **Senate Bill 458 deletes the exemption for pick-up trucks from the mandatory seatbelt requirement.**
 - **Effective June 3, 2010**
- **Senate Bill 519, which would have changed the definition of a motorized cart that is subject to local regulation of operation on roads, was vetoed.**



DUI Rebates

Mike Mitchell



DUI Assessment Fees

Send all Assessment Fees and Assessment Rosters to the attention of:

**Attention: Accounting
Georgia Department of Driver Services
2206 East View Parkway
Conyers, Georgia 30013**

- **Include the schools' certification/ID # on checks/rosters**
- **Rebates are due on 10th of the following month**
- **Letters regarding late checks and/or rosters will be sent on the 15th**
- **If rebates are still not received by DDS by the 1st day of the next month, an administrative fine will be imposed**



DDS Website

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Department of Driver Services

www.dds.ga.gov



Department of Driver Services - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.dds.ga.gov/index.aspx

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All Customer Service Centers will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2009 and will reopen on Thursday, November 12, 2009.
The day following a holiday is typically a very busy day, so please plan ahead.

Coming Fall 2009

New License FAQs

Save Time with DDS Internet Services

Replacement of Lost License	Reservation Status
Driving History (MVR)	Request New Password
Online Address Change	Log into your Account
Driver's License Renewal	Order Status
Motorcycle Safety Training	Questions/Comments

How can we help you?

Lost License Driving History (MVR)

Reservations Driver Manual **! new**

Approved Driver Training Schools for Teen Drivers

Georgia Identification Card for Voting Purposes

How Do I...? **▼**

Locations

Enter your zip code:

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Links

- Georgia.gov
- Georgia Navigator
- Accident Reports
- AAMVA
- Car Tags and Titles
- Joshua's Law
- Real ID
- Teen Driving Safety 101

More...

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Your Opinion Counts

Send Us your Comments

In the News...

- Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Announces Customer Service Winners
- Department Of Driver Services (DDS) Schedules Furlough Days
- Notice of Public Hearing
- Department Of Driver Services (DDS) Names Michael Mitchell Director, Regulatory Compliance

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Complaint Form



PROGRAM COMPLAINT FORM

Instructions: Please type or print legibly all required information. Please be aware that incomplete information may delay our ability to process your complaint in a timely manner.

SECTION 1: Complainant Information

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Middle Name	_____ Suffix
_____ Mailing Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
_____ Home Phone Number		_____ Cell Phone Number	_____ Email Address

SECTION 2: Program Information

_____ Name of Program			_____ Phone Number
_____ Physical Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
_____ Name(s) of Program Personnel Involved			

SECTION 3: Nature of Complaint

What service(s) did the above-referenced program provide?

- ☐ DUI/Risk Reduction
 ☐ Defensive Driving/Driver Improvement
 ☐ Driver Education/Driver Training
☐ Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP)
 ☐ Limousine Chauffeur
☐ Ignition Interlock

Please summarize your complaint below. Be sure to include names of witnesses, dates, times, and a detailed description of the incident. You may attach additional pages as necessary.



PROGRAM COMPLAINT FORM

What are your losses? (If applicable) _____

In your opinion, how should this complaint be resolved? _____

Was there a contractual agreement between you and the above-referenced program? (If yes, please attach a copy)

☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 4: Complainant Affirmation

Under penalty of law, I do hereby swear or affirm that the information provided herein is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that this complaint may be subject to public disclosure in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. §50-18-70, et. seq.

In addition, I understand that I may be subpoenaed as a witness in any criminal or administrative proceeding that may result from this complaint.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

You may submit this form and any supporting documentation using one of the following methods:

By mail

-OR-

By Facsimile

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Attention: Regulatory Compliance Division
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Conyers, Georgia 30013

678-413-8735
Attention: Mistie Odum



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Questions





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